

campus-based child care centers meeting the needs of low income students. As the non-traditional student population grows, one of the major obstacles facing students who are parents is locating affordable, quality child care. Campuses are a key place to meet this need. In my home state of Connecticut, all of our community-technical colleges have campus-based child care facilities. The centers provide student-parents with convenient, high quality care and also serve as laboratories for training new child care providers.

Colleges are also our nation's laboratories for training teachers. This bill offers significant new support in this area. The committee has worked hard with its members and developed a comprehensive teacher training program that supports state-level initiatives and local partnerships. This two-track approach will ensure that colleges and schools who work together to improve teacher training will be rewarded at the state level with recognition for achieving higher standards. In another important initiative, this bill also offers teachers working in high poverty schools with loan forgiveness. This effort will provide highly qualified teachers with a powerful incentive to share their talents, skills and knowledge with the neediest children.

Beyond bringing student aid programs in line with today's realities, we also take a key step to modernize and improve the delivery of these crucial student aid programs in the creation of the Performance-Based Organization within the Department of Education. the PBO will administer and deliver all federal student aid. At nearly \$35 billion a year, the complexity of this undertaking demands talent, energy, experience, and performance. A PBO will ensure that the Secretary can recruit the best people to this job and retain them based on their performance.

Mr. President, this is a strong and comprehensive bill. But perhaps most importantly for its future, it is a bipartisan bill. I was pleased to be a part of the effort of our chairman, Senator JEFFORDS, Senator KENNEDY, and Senator COATS in pulling this bill together. It may not be everything any one of us wanted; however, it is what America's students and their families need.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 328

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 328, a bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to protect employer rights, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to restore the provisions of chapter 76 of that title

(relating to missing persons) as in effect before the amendments made by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 and to make other improvements to that chapter.

S. 1192

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1192, a bill to limit the size of vessels permitted to fish for Atlantic mackerel or herring, to the size permitted under the appropriate fishery management plan.

S. 1221

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1221, a bill to amend title 46 of the United States Code to prevent foreign ownership and control of United States flag vessels employed in the fisheries in the navigable waters and exclusive economic zone of the United States, to prevent the issuance of fishery endorsements to certain vessels, and for other purposes.

S. 1260

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 1260, a bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to limit the conduct of securities class actions under State law, and for other purposes.

S. 1325

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), and the Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1325, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

S. 1334

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1334, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a demonstration project to evaluate the feasibility of using the Federal Employees Health Benefits program to ensure the availability of adequate health care for Medicare-eligible beneficiaries under the military health care system.

S. 1534

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1534, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to delay the commencement of the student loan repayment period for certain students called to active duty in the Armed Forces.

S. 1536

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1536, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for

qualified individuals for bone mass measurement (bone density testing) to prevent fractures associated with osteoporosis and to help women make informed choices about their reproductive and post-menopausal health care, and to otherwise provide for research and information concerning osteoporosis and other related bone diseases.

S. 1584

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1584, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to reevaluate the equipment in medical kits carried on, and to make a decision regarding requiring automatic external defibrillators to be carried on, aircraft operated by air carriers, and for other purposes.

S. 1677

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM), and the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1677, a bill to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act.

S. 1680

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1680, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify that licensed pharmacists are not subject to the surety bond requirements under the Medicare program.

S. 1764

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1764, a bill to amend sections 3345 through 3349 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Vacancies Act") to clarify statutory requirements relating to vacancies in certain Federal offices, and for other purposes.

S. 1868

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1868, a bill to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide; to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide; to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council; and for other purposes.

S. 1873

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1873, a bill to state the policy of the

United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense system capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to improve the ability of small businesses, Federal agencies, industry, and universities to work with Department of Energy contractor-operated facilities, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 55

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. GLENN) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 55, a concurrent resolution declaring the annual memorial service sponsored by the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service Board of Directors to honor emergency medical services personnel to be the "National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Service."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 65

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 65, a concurrent resolution calling for a United States effort to end restriction on the freedoms and human rights of the enclaved people in the occupied area of Cyprus.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 77

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 77, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Federal government should acknowledge the importance of at-home parents and should not discriminate against families who forego a second income in order for a mother or father to be at home with their children.

SENATE RESOLUTION 170

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 170, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Federal investment in biomedical research should be increased by \$2,000,000,000 in fiscal year 1999.

SENATE RESOLUTION 202—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 202

Whereas, in the cases of *William L. Singer v. Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices*, No. 98-6002, and *Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms v. Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices*, No. 98-6003, pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, petitioners William L. Singer and the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms have

sought review of a final decision of the Select Committee on Ethics, which had been entered, pursuant to section 308 of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991, 2 U.S.C. §1208 (1994), in the records of the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1)(1994), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend committees of the Senate in civil actions relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, pursuant to section 303(f) of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991, 2 U.S.C. §1203(f)(1994), for purposes of representation by the Senate Legal Counsel, the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices, the respondent in this proceeding, is deemed a committee within the meaning of sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a), 288c(a)(1)(1994): Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices in the Cases of *William L. Singer v. Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices* and *Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms v. Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices*.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

SESSIONS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2166

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. MACK, Mr. COATS, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. ROBERTS) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 86) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003 and revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1998; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

(a) Congress finds that—

(1) studies have found that quality child care, particularly for infants and young children, requires a sensitive, interactive, loving, and consistent caregiver;

(2) as most parents meet and exceed the criteria described in paragraph (1), circumstances allowing, parental care is the best form of child care;

(3) a recent National Institute for Child Health and Development study found that the greatest factor in the development of a young child is "what is happening at home and in families";

(4) as a child's interaction with his or her parents has the most significant impact on the development of the child, any Federal child care policy should enable and encourage parents to spend more time with their children;

(5) nearly ½ of preschool children have at-home mothers and only ⅓ of preschool children have mothers who are employed full time;

(6) a large number of low- and middle-income families sacrifice a second full-time income so that a mother may be at home with her child;

(7) the average income of 2-parent families with a single income is \$20,000 less than the average income of 2-parent families with 2 incomes;

(8) only 30 percent of preschool children are in families with paid child care and the remaining 70 percent of preschool children are in families that do not pay for child care, many of which are low- to middle-income families struggling to provide child care at home;

(9) child care proposals should not provide financial assistance solely to the 30 percent of families that pay for child care and should not discriminate against families in which children are cared for by an at-home parent; and

(10) any congressional proposal that increases child care funding should provide financial relief to families that sacrifice an entire income in order that a mother or father may be at home for a young child.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the functional totals in this concurrent resolution on the budget assume that—

(1) many families in the United States make enormous sacrifices to forego a second income in order to have a parent care for a child at home;

(2) there should be no bias against at-home parents;

(3) parents choose many different forms of child care to meet the needs of their families, such as child care provided by an at-home parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbor, nanny, preschool, or child care center;

(4) any quality child care proposal should include, as a key component, financial relief for those families where there is an at-home parent; and

(5) mothers and fathers who have chosen and continue to choose to be at home should be applauded for their efforts.

GREGG AMENDMENT NO. 2167

Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 86, supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 3 . SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING IMMUNITY.

It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that no immunity will be provided to any tobacco product manufacturer with respect to any health-related civil action commenced by a State or local governmental entity or an individual prior to or after the date of the adoption of this resolution.

GREGG (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2168

Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 2167 proposed by Mr. GREGG to the concurrent resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 86, supra; as follows:

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

3 . SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING IMMUNITY.

It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that no immunity